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For: VULCANIZED RUBBER COMPOSITION  
AND ARTICLES MANUFACTURED  
THEREFROM

Examiner: R. A. Lee

### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN RESPONSE

### TO A FINAL REJECTION

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, applicant hereby request reconsideration of the Final Rejection of all claims 34 - 41 based on the Remarks/Arguments that begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.